



**Joint/Concurrent Meeting of  
City of Reno Recreation and Parks  
Commission (Reno RPC)  
City of Sparks Parks and Recreation  
Commission (Sparks PRC)  
Washoe County Open Space and Regional  
Parks Commission (Washoe County  
OSRPC)**

**Reno City Council Chamber  
1 East First Street, Reno, NV 89501  
Thursday, June 26, 2025 - 5:00 PM**

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**1. Call to Order**

The concurrent meeting of the Sparks PRC, Reno RPC, and Washoe County OSRPC was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**City of Reno Recreation and Parks Commission**

Present: Craig Bronzan, Marie Krueger, Ian Anderson, Tara Webster, Jerry Wager (Zoom), Cheryl Guinan (Zoom)  
Absent: Karla Werninghaus

Council Member Present  
Miguel Martinez

### **Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission**

Present: Megan Mentzer, Tracy Gale, Sheena Harvey, Melanie "Jill" Short (Zoom)  
Absent: Terry Frugoli, Mobby Michael, Matthew Robinson

Council Member Present  
Donald Abbott

### **Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission**

Present: Neal Jones, Tim Dake, Miles Gurtler, Sean Hill, Kevin Joell, Tracy Kuczenski, Lisa Rode (Zoom)  
Absent: Chris Baker

Council Liaison Present  
Mariluz Garcia

## **3. Public Comment**

### **3.1. This item is for either public comment on any action item or for any general public comment and is limited to no more than three (3) minutes for each commentator.**

Art Rangel stated the number one asset in the region is the opportunity for outdoor activities. He expressed how critical it is to take the time to improve and expand these open spaces for economic growth.

Karen Mullen mentioned she is grateful these three commissions are coming together and have brought out their master plans to conjoin and bring more funding resources. She mentioned the importance of finding other opportunities for the community.

Iris Jehle-Peppard thanked the commissioners for discussing and moving the service plan forward. She mentioned she appreciates they are exploring options for resources.

Sonia Folsom indicated she is in full support of the service plan and mentioned she is the Board President of the One Truckee River and works closely with the team to ensure the river is usable, friendly and safe.

## **4. Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action)**

### **4.1. Approval of the Agenda. (For Possible Action)**

**Motion:** I move to approve the agenda with the removal of item 6.5.

**Reno Recreation and Parks Commission**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Krueger

**Seconded By:** Commissioner Guinan

**Yes:** Commissioners Bronzan, Krueger, Anderson, Webster, Wager, Guinan

**No:**

**Abstain:**

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 6-0

**Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Short

**Seconded By:** Commissioner Mentzer

**Yes:** Megan Mentzer, Tracy Gale, Sheena Harvey, Melanie "Jill" Short (Zoom)

**No:**

**Abstain:**

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 4-0

**Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Joell

**Seconded By:** Commissioner Rode

**Yes:** Neal Jones, Tim Dake, Miles Gurtler, Sean Hill, Kevin Joell, Tracy Kuczenski, Lisa Rode (Zoom)

**No:**

**Abstain:**

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 7-0

Agendas are approved at each Joint Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Due to The Parks Foundation being unable to attend the meeting, staff requested to remove agenda item 6.5.

**5. Approval of the Minutes (For Possible Action)**

**5.1. Consideration and possible approval of the minutes for the May 16, 2024, joint meeting with the City of Reno Recreation and Parks Commission, Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission, and Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission. (For Possible Action)**

**Motion:** I move to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 16, 2024, as presented.

**Reno Recreation and Parks Commission**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Anderson

**Seconded By:** Commissioner Webster

**Yes:** Commissioners Bronzan, Krueger, Anderson, Webster, Wager, Guinan

**No:**

**Abstain:**

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 6-0

**Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**A quorum was not present for the May 16, 2024 meeting.**

**Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Dake

**Seconded By:** Commissioner Rode

**Yes:** Neal Jones, Tim Dake, Miles Gurtler, Sean Hill, Kevin Joell, Tracy Kuczenski, Lisa Rode (Zoom)

**No:**

**Abstain:**

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 7-0

Minutes are approved at each joint Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

**6. Announcements, Presentations, Recognition and Items of Special Interest. (No Action will be taken)**

**6.1. Presentation, update, and discussion on Park District Service Plan**

Reno Recreation and Parks Director Nathan Ullyot introduced Leon Younger and Scott Vollmer from PROS Consulting. Mr. Younger shared a presentation regarding the Park District Service Plan. He indicated the main goal of this service plan is to provide guidance for sustainable finances and solutions for management. This plan has been developed to support the Truckee River Corridor through multiple jurisdictions to prepare for future growth. There will be an overview of the organizational structure of the City of Sparks, City of Reno, and Washoe County in order to achieve this plan. There will be a countywide survey to determine the feasibility of this plan. Data collection, advisory group interviews and the level of services from the park agencies will determine how residents are being served and where the current recreational gaps exist.

**6.2. Presentation and discussion on Stakeholder List for the Service Plan**

Reno Recreation and Parks Director Nathan Ullyot stated this item is to create a potential stakeholder list. These stakeholders would be future advocates for The Parks Foundation. In order to incorporate a broader audience to participate in the selection, a tool has been created in Menti.com. This platform will help open up discussion and help in the selection process for the stakeholder list.

**6.3. Presentation, update, and discussion on the Nevada Legislature pertaining to Parks and Recreation.**

Reno Recreation and Parks Director Nathan Ullyot discussed the Senate Bill 303 that blocks liability for cities and open space and recreation components from lawsuits. He wants to bring an understanding of what this bill implies and how it could have inhibited the development of Parks and Recreation, trails, and open space if it would have passed in

Nevada. He then proceeded to read the verbatim Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo's statement denying this bill for a clearer perspective of what impact this bill could have made.

#### **6.4. Presentation, update, and discussion on Rails to Trails**

President Donna Iverson of the Historic Virginia and Truckee Trails did a presentation to report updates on the Rails to Trails Project. Ms. Iverson mentioned they have partnered with the Tahoe Pyramid Trail Association to create joint signs. Additionally, there are plans to build a trail connecting multi-use paths with map panels throughout the trail showing historical facts and directions to destinations near the paths, such as museums. Ms. Iverson advised there is discussion between her organization, Truckee River, and Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation regarding the installation of a new kiosk at the Veterans Parkway and Tahoe Pyramid trail intersection.

#### **6.5. Presentation and discussion on Parks Foundation Funding Partnerships**

The Parks Foundation was unable to attend the meeting. Staff requested to remove agenda item 6.5.

### **7. General Business Items (For Possible Action)**

None.

### **8. Comments**

#### **8.1. Comments from the Public**

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None.

#### **8.2. Comments from the Commission**

City of Reno Councilmember Miguel Martinez expressed appreciation to those who attended and encouraged the agencies to stay engaged in order to make the service plan a reality.

Commissioner Guinan encouraged the public of all ages to participate in the Junior Rangers Program.

Commissioner Jones thanked the staff in all the departments for their hard work. He then thanked Reno Recreation and Parks Director Nathan Ulyot for setting up all of these presentations and hopes all agencies come together and move forward with the service plan.

Commissioner Bronzan thanked all of the staff and mentioned it is great for the three (3) government agencies to come together for discussions.

**9. Adjournment**

**Reno Recreation and Parks Commission**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Krueger

**Seconded By:** Commissioner Guinan

**Yes:** Commissioners Bronzan, Krueger, Anderson, Webster, Wager, Guinan

**No:**

**Abstain:**

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 6-0

**Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Mentzer

**Seconded By:** Commissioner Short

**Yes:** Megan Mentzer, Tracy Gale, Sheena Harvey, Melanie "Jill" Short (Zoom)

**No:**

**Abstain:**

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 4-0

**Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Gurtler

**Seconded By:** Commissioner Hill

**Yes:** Neal Jones, Tim Dake, Miles Gurtler, Sean Hill, Kevin Joell, Tracy Kuczenski, Lisa Rode (Zoom)

**No:**

**Abstain:**

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Megan Mentzer, Sparks Parks and  
Recreation Chair

ATTEST:

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Jackie Martinez, Board Clerk

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